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REMEMBER:

**Dinner reservations
will only be accepted,
on line or by phone,
until 6:00PM Feb. 2nd**

**NOTE: Phone #
805-296-1935**

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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
Sherm Smoot



We are in to the New Year and I'm still writing checks with '2014' on them. Seems the older I get the harder it is for me to put the correct year on any document I write. Why is that? Anyway, hope you all had a great New Year! For me, I'm back on my "fit in the race plane" body routine – Just love my wife's cooking too darn much.

The three building projects are moving closer to completion. We may actually have Mr. Woodland's building ready for occupancy by Feb. 1st. We will soon be insulating Hangar One for the new heater Mr. and Mrs. Woodland have, so graciously, donated to us. It will help keep us warm when we have events that need the hangar space. We are still working on the city to develop a master drainage plan that will include all parcels to help get the burden the State has placed on us off our backs. It may be awhile, but it is well worth the effort to enable us to maximize the use of the 10 acres of land we want to lease.

As a reminder, the Airshow date is August 29, 2015. Please spread the word and get involved. Why not suggest your company be a sponsor? Contact Margi Bauer or Sue Dollemore if your company wants to help. This is such a great event for the families of our community and also it highlights our museum.

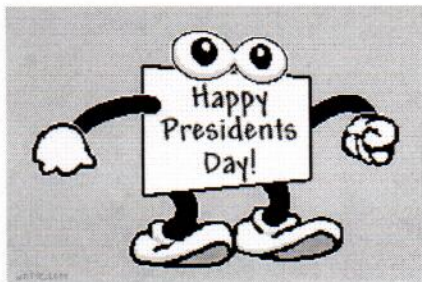
The date of our next Dinner Meeting is **Wednesday, February 4, 2015**. Make your reservations by calling 805.296.1935 or going to our website, click on Activities, then Event Registration, and then monthly dinner reservations. Remember, we are always on a membership drive so bring a friend. Thanks for your continued support.

Let's continue to make 2015 the best year ever for our museum! My prayers to you and all in harms way,

Sherm



**Wednesday
February 4, 2015
MENU**



Baked Chicken
Seasonal Salad
Seasonal Veggies
Scalloped Potatoes
Rolls & Butter
Dessert
Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

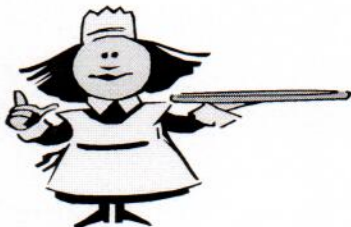
BY MONDAY, February 2

805-296-1935 You can leave a voice message or text to this number.

or

Use our Website Link:

www.ewarbirds.org/dinnerrsvp.html



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

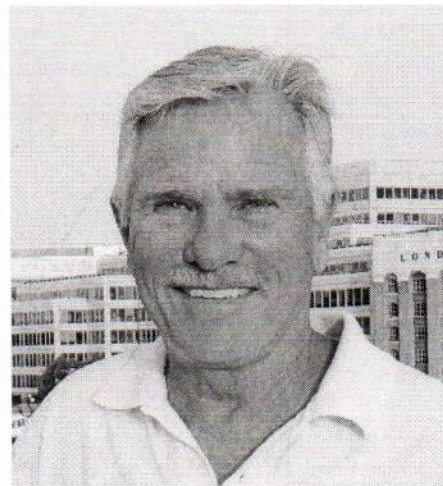
DINNER 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum

Come meet EWM Member

JOHN COUCH



John and his wife, Margie, have lived in Templeton since 1992, where they raised their family. Their daughter, Brittany, is a mother of two children and lives, with her husband, in Templeton. Their son, Jared, is currently serving in the US Army Special Forces. John transferred from the Santa Clara Police Department in 1990 and joined the Atascadero Police Department. A graduate of CSU Sacramento and the FBI National Academy, John retired as the Chief of Police in 2007. He has served as a board member for the Salvation Army, the North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, Atascadero Veteran's Memorial Foundation and, until his term expired, as a board member of the Estrella Warbirds Museum.. John is an avid sailor and enjoys various outdoor activities, traveling with Margie, and spending time with his grandkids. He is, also, a member of Lifewater International, a Christian faith based organization dedicated to teaching hygiene and providing safe drinking water to third world countries. His primary role is training volunteers in water well drilling. John also works as a valve mechanic and skills evaluator for PGE during refueling outages at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant.

He grew up in North Dakota and left shortly after graduating high school to join the Army. Soon after being trained as an airframe repairman, he was deployed to Vietnam where he served in two units. Initially he was assigned to the 221st Aviation Company where he helped maintain O1 Birddog forward air control aircraft. He was soon transferred to the 114th Assault Helicopter Company where he served as a helicopter door ,gunner/crew chief in the Mekong Delta in 1971– 1972. Upon returning from Vietnam he trained as a military policeman. After his discharge he attended CSU Sacramento and earned a degree in Criminal Justice Administration and began his law enforcement career in Santa Clara. He has served various roles in law enforcement including motorcycle policeman, SWAT team member, firearms instructor, detective and Chief of Police in Atascadero.

John has been a sport parachutist and flier of hang gliders but never became a pilot, choosing instead, to take up sailing as a hobby. His presentation will be a snapshot of one person's tour in Vietnam from the perspective of mechanic and door gunner.

PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY BOOKNOTES



MUSEUM MEMBERS, the museum's library is there for your usage. In 2015, I encourage you to come in and check out books or videos. A member is allowed to check out up to 4 books or videos at a time, for up to a month. Also, please consider becoming a Library Volunteer! We are always looking for volunteers to staff additional library shifts. **REMEMBER**, if the members don't use it, all we have is a great selection of unique books and materials collecting **DUST**.

Tom Gorham

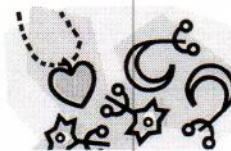
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED? YES. WHERE? EVERYWHERE. REALLY? YES!

We need your help just a few hours a month. You can be a Docent/Greeter in the Museum or Woodland Auto Display. You can help out in our beautiful new Library (nice quiet place to spend some spare time), or be a Gift Shop volunteer (being the first person our visitors have a chance to meet), OR cook/make a lunch for the hard working Restoration Crew on a Saturday (costs you nothing but your time and sign up is in the kitchen).....with the new buildings being erected we are going to need even more help monitoring the visitors and displays.



GIFT SHOP GAB

Jackie Brooks, Manager

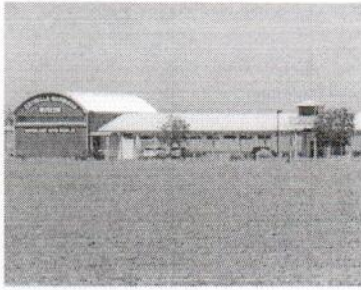


We have the ever popular Kids Military Jackets, Coloring Books, Buildable Models (Aircraft, Jeeps, Tanks). We have aircraft toys and other military related items including: Craft items, Aircraft 18" Wall Clocks, various styles of Tin Signs and many EWM wearable items.

We, also, have new EWM "Remove Before Flight" RED key Tags.

Visit us Thurs.-Sun. 10 AM—4 PM OR before EWM Dinner from 5:45 PM—6:45 PM

Thank you for supporting your Museum!



Estrella Warbirds Museum
 4251 Dry Creek Road
 Paso Robles, CA 93446

Papa Ducks Pond

Woodland Family Collection

We will be hosting the Night of Champions racing banquet at EWM on February 7th.

A lot has been going on at the Woodland restoration shop. Currently in the works, and hopefully to be on display soon, is a rare 1954 "Red" Corvette. They are closing in on the restoration of a 1951 Jaguar 120 XL roadster, as well as being on the downhill side of the restoration of a "Hemi powered" 1957 Chrysler New Yorker.

Non Profit Org.
PAID
 Permit 163
 Paso Robles, CA 93446



WESTERN NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS
Saturday, February 7, 2015



Woodland Auto Display
 4251 Dry Creek Road
 Paso Robles, CA 93446

MEET & GREET:
 4:30 TO 6:30 PM
 NO HOST BAR

BANQUET:
 6:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER:
 ED JUSTICE

OPEN TO ALL RACERS, CREWS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, FANS




\$50 Per Person
 Banquet Dinner
 Year End Video
 Season Awards
 Raffle Prizes
 Aircraft & Racing Museums

HOTELS:

For Hotel Information, Contact Julie
 310-488-9183 * JulieTanaka@aol.com

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Total Attendees _____ Total Paid _____ Payment Type _____

Payments Must Be Received By February 1, 2015
 Cash, Check, Or Money Orders Accepted - Will Call Only - Tickets Will Not Be Mailed
 Make Checks Payable To: Chris Kearns Presents * PO Box 99 * Litchfield Park, AZ 85340
 805-714-8538 * chris.usac@gmail.com * www.ChrisKearnsPresents.com

DATES TO REMEMBER!

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| Wednesday, February | 4 | Dinner Meeting | 6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner |
| Wednesday, February | 18 | Board Meeting | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm |